

August Agenda Special Meeting of Trustees

The special meeting of the Board of Trustees of School District #35 has been scheduled for **Thursday, August 20, 2015 at 1:00pm** at the Gallatin Gateway School Board Room.
(All policies mentioned in the agenda can be found at www.gallatingatewayschool.com.)

Call to Order

Presiding Trustee's explanation of procedures (GGS Policy #1070)

Public Comment- Non Agenda Items- Sign in sheet- (GGS Policy #1070)

Old Business

School Board letter of support for Sewer District's new wastewater discharge permit to MTDEQ

New Business

Hire: Certified Teacher (GGS Policy #5025)

Adjournment

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Excerpt from GGS Policy #1070- School Board Meeting Procedure

Public Participation

The Board recognizes the value of public participation and encourages the public to attend and participate in its meetings. In order to permit the orderly and fair expression of such participation, the Board will solicit oral and/or written comments prior to a final decision on a matter of significant interest to the public. The Chair may place reasonable time limits on public comment, and may interrupt or terminate any statement that is out of order, personally directed, abusive, obscene, or too lengthy. +

Members of the public are encouraged to make comments during the public comment section of the agenda on matters that are of public concern and that are not on that particular agenda. The Chair will recognize individuals or groups for public comment on agenda items after the Board has discussed the issue. Comments may be presented orally or in writing for the Board's consideration.

Legal Reference:	§ 2-3-101, MCA	Public participation
	§ 2-3-301, MCA	Agency to accept public comment electronically -- dissemination of electronic mail address and documents required -- prohibiting fees

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Special Meeting

August 20, 2015

Sign-in Sheet

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**GALLATIN GATEWAY SCHOOL
PO BOX 265, GALLATIN GATEWAY, MT 59730**

Gallatin Gateway School Policy #1070- The agenda must also include a "public comment" item in order to allow members of the general public to comment on any public matter under the jurisdiction of the district that is not specifically listed on the agenda, except that no member of the public will be allowed to comment on contested cases, other adjudicative proceedings, or personnel matters. The Board Chairman may place reasonable time limits on any "public comment" item in order to maintain and ensure effective and efficient operations of the Board. The District shall not take any action on any matter discussed, unless the matter is specifically noticed on the agenda, and the public has been allowed the opportunity to comment.

** Public comment will be asked on each agenda item. Do not sign below for agenda items.*

Public Comment Sign-in

Date: August 20, 2015

**Please sign below for non-agenda items to be heard under New business: Public comment.*

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**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
BOARD OF TRUSTEES, GALLATIN GATEWAY SCHOOL DISTRICT #35**

Call to Order

The Board of Trustees of the Gallatin Gateway School District #35 met at 7:00pm on Thursday, August 20, 2015 in the Gallatin Gateway School Board Room. Board Chair Donna Shockley presided and called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

Trustees Present

Donna Shockley, Board Chair; Lyn Morton, Board Vice-Chair; Cheryl Arnaud, Christie Francis, and Aaron Schwieterman

Trustees Absent

None

Staff Present

Travis Anderson, Superintendent; and Carrie Fisher, District Clerk

Others Present

None

Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting attendees recited the *Pledge of Allegiance* to the United States of America.

Presiding Trustee's Explanation of Procedures

Board Chair Donna Shockley explained the public comment process to be followed for addressing the Board in accordance with Gallatin Gateway School policy. She noted: 1) that prior to a vote the public may comment on agenda items; 2) there will be time for public comment on non-agenda items; and 3) public comment periods are not intended to be a question and answer session.

Public Comment on Non- Agenda Items

None

Old Business

School Board Letter of Support for Sewer District's new Wastewater discharge permit to MTDEQ

The Board reviewed a letter of support drafted by Trustee Christie Francis. The Board agreed to send the letter after making the following changes:

1. Change address to "DEQ Permitting & Compliance Division, Water Protection Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620
2. Add signature line for each trustee, listed by name
3. Change first sentence of the second paragraph to read "Our school is located on 3.75 acres, which is a limiting factor for the school when the school sees accelerated growth."
4. Add to District letterhead

Motion: Trustee Cheryl Arnaud to approve the letter of support with changes as drafted by Christie Francis.

Seconded: Vice Chair Lyn Morton

Public Comment: None

For: Arnaud, Francis, Morton, Schwieterman, Shockley

Opposed: None

Motion passed unanimously

New Business

Hire: Certified Teacher (GGS Policy #5025)

Motion: Trustee Cheryl Arnaud made a motion to hire Tayler Bertelsen as a 1.0 FTE certified teacher for the 2015-2016 academic year to be placed at the appropriate spot in the negotiated salary matrix based on educational attainment and years of experience (not to exceed five years). The successful hire further pending adequate fingerprint/background check and TB test.

Seconded: Trustee Aaron Schwieterman

Public Comment: None

For: Arnaud, Francis, Morton, Schwieterman, Shockley

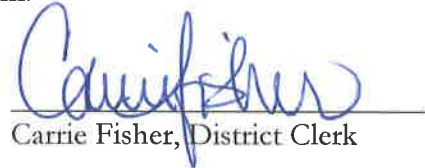
Opposed: None

Motion passed unanimously

Adjournment

Board Chair Donna Shockley adjourned the meeting at 1:27pm.


Donna Shockley, Board Chair


Carrie Fisher, District Clerk

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August 19, 2015

DEQ Opencut Mining Program
PO Box 200901
Helena, MT 59620-0901

To whom it may concern:

We, the Gallatin Gateway School Board of Trustees, would like to express our general support for the Gallatin Gateway Water and Sewer District. It is our belief the GGWSD will benefit our community, families and school with access to affordable central sewer, promoting healthy water for the community.

Our school is located on 3.75 acres, which is a limiting factor for the school were the school to see accelerated growth. With the creation of an affordable central sewer our school would have the benefit of using our current drain field for other purposes that could help us accommodate growth. Additionally, when our current drain field reaches capacity, affordable central sewer would be a better financial alternative to engineering a new septic and drain field configuration.

Respectfully,

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7th Grade Teacher Hire Recommendation

1) 7th Grade Teacher Hire Recommendation

To hire a 7th grade teacher for the 2015-2016 academic year who will be placed at the appropriate place in the negotiated salary matrix based on education and years of experience (not to exceed five (5) years experience).

Recommendation:

Taylor Bertelsen

Rationale:

Ms. Taylor Bertelsen has experience teaching as a K-8 educator in Willow Creek as well as Whitefish. In these positions she has taught a full spectrum of elementary grades and content. Furthermore, she has experience using data driven decisions in the classroom and has worked as an RtI liaison in a past district. Her most recent experience was as an elementary paraprofessional in Bozeman. Finally, she was the unanimous choice of the hiring committee which was comprised of: Travis Anderson, Kacee Krob, Mike Coon, Georgia Holt, and Liz Matthews. I believe that she has the experience and the student-centered pedagogical approach to be an excellent fit with the Gallatin Gateway Family.

Motion: to hire Taylor Bertelsen as a 1.0 FTE certified teacher for the 2015-2016 academic year to be placed at the appropriate spot in the negotiated salary matrix based on educational attainment and years of experience (not to exceed five years). The successful hire further pending adequate fingerprint/background check and TB test.